

# **RIGHT or WRONG? Homosexuals in the church**

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**Please help our congregation answer a couple of questions we have been discussing: "To what degree should homosexuals be accepted in church? And what role(s) should they be allowed to take in church?"**

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## **BaptistWay Bible Series for February 25: Jesus still seeks followers**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for February25**

# Jesus still seeks followers

• John 21:15-23

**By David Wilkinson**

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## Explore the Bible Series for February 25: God never abandons his people

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**Explore the Bible Series for February 25**

### God never abandons his people

• Esther 8:3, 6-8, 11; 9:1-2, 20-22

**By Howard Anderson**

*Diversified Spiritual Associates, San Antonio*

It was customary for convicted criminals to have their property confiscated. The signet ring given to Mordecai signified his exaltation to Haman's prime ministership.

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# **Bible Studies for Life Series for February 25: Sometimes it takes faith to find the proof**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for February 25**

## **Sometimes it takes faith to find the proof**

• John 6:30-31,35-36,41-47,66-69

**By Kenneth Lyle**

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## **Comment by Jinny Henson: The pork chop**

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# COMMENT:

## The pork chop

By **Jinny Henson**

Scientists recently discovered falling in love produces the equivalent of an amphetamine-induced high. I realize after 12 years of marriage that no human would voluntarily make this commitment unless they were smoking crack. Which leads me to this conclusion: God is pretty smart.

I'd done them; the blind dates. You go to be polite and have as much in common with the guy as the UnaBomber. My parents met on a blind date, and who was I to tempt fate should history repeat itself? I'm no obsessive-compulsive, but when you're a girl dealing with something as serious as love here, you have to touch every light switch twice and avoid the cracks in the ground or you might just miss "the one."

Jinny Henson
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## Last of Arizona Baptist fraud convicts sentenced to prison

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# **Last of Arizona Baptist fraud convicts sentenced to prison**

**By Hannah Elliott**

*Associated Baptist Press*

PHOENIX (ABP)—One of the most egregious cases of fraud in non-profit history came to a close Feb. 2, when the former treasurer of the Baptist Foundation of Arizona was sentenced.

Donald Deardoff, 49, was ordered to serve four years in prison and pay \$159 million to victims of an investment scam. He received the sentence after pleading guilty in 2001 to two counts of fraud. Four other former foundation employees were also sentenced to lesser punishments Feb. 2.

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development**

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**Community service makes impact**

# on teens' faith development

**By Ken Camp**

*Managing Editor*

WACO—Serving meals to homeless people at a church-sponsored shelter can have a greater impact than sitting in a pew every Sunday morning on how a teenager's faith develops, a new study has concluded.

“Involvement in community service is far more significant to the faith development of teens than involvement in worship,” said Michael Sherr, assistant professor in the [School of Social Work](#) at Baylor University.

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## Healthy families bring others closer to Christ

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Cesar  
Gabriel,  
pastor of  
Iglesia  
Bautista  
Trinidad in  
Laredo,  
holds his  
son during  
the  
Hispanic  
Evangelism  
Conference.

## Healthy families bring others closer to Christ

**By John Hall**

*Texas Baptist Communications*

SAN ANTONIO—The peace Christ offers draws people to him—if they aren't driven away by the conflict in Christians' lives, David Hormachea, host of the Vision Para Vivir media ministry, told participants at the Hispanic Evangelism Conference.

Non-Christians want the peace and joy Christ offers through a relationship with him, but sometimes they are turned off when they look at the family lives of people who call themselves Christians, Hormachea told the conference, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas. They see broken families, divorced spouses and fighting children and wonder how powerful the gospel can be, he added.



A member of the praise team from South San Fildelfia Baptist Church in San Antonio sings during the Hispanic Evangelism Conference.

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AUSTIN—Gov. Rick Perry’s proposal to [sell the lottery](#) just doesn’t add up, according to Texas Baptist gambling opponents.

Suzii Paynter, director of the [Texas Christian Life Commission](#), and Weston Ware, legislative spokesman for [Texans Against Gambling](#), are two of many bipartisan leaders who questions Perry’s logic in wanting to sell the lottery to a private group a year after [the lottery](#) recorded its highest sales and when the state has a \$14 billion surplus.

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## **Aggies in New Orleans see big picture of God’s work**

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Meaghan  
Gasch  
from First  
Baptist  
Church in  
College  
Station  
cuts brush  
with a  
chainsaw.  
(Photos  
courtesy  
of  
Expression  
Ministry at  
First  
Baptist  
Church in  
College  
Station)

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**By Marilyn Stewart**

*Louisiana Baptist Convention*

NEW ORLEANS—Texas A&M University students from [First Baptist Church of College Station](#) see their part in rebuilding New Orleans much like the inner workings of the engineering systems they study—a small

component in the larger machine that God is operating in New Orleans.

“We came to do whatever we could in four days,” recent A&M graduate Emily Guevara said. “Knowing that others will come behind us and continue the work makes us know that this is not about us; it’s about what God is doing.”



Ryan Plesko from First Baptist Church in College Station installs an interior frame.

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# **BaptistWay Bible Series for February 18: God still is a God who sends**

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**BaptistWay Bible Series for February18**

# God still is a God who sends

• John 20:1-21

**By David Wilkinson**

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## **Bible Studies for Life Series for February 18: When you see Jesus, you see God**

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**Bible Studies for Life Series for February 18**

## **When you see Jesus, you see God**

• John 5:17-23,36-42,46-47

**By Kenneth Lyle**